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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Additional background data concerning MRS. SIMANIS and husband obtained from Declaration of Intention. ANNA CUKURS and husband JOHN now working and living in San Francisco, California. Two individuals acquainted with subjects identified photograph of MRS. SIMANIS but not those of ANNA CUKURS or ANNA CUKURS. Records of INS, S.F., contain no reference to CUKURS family. Records of other Government agency and of two other reliable informants contain no record of MRS. SIMANIS.

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DETAILS:

Records of the Alameda County Clerk's Office, Oakland, California, contained Declaration of Intention # 14031, dated January 10, 1952 in the name of HELMANIS STANIS, 640 Brooklyn Avenue, Oakland. According to this document, this individual was born at Cesis, Latvia on February 2, 1904. He was described as white race, fair complexion, blue eyes, 5'9" tall, 140 lbs., and stateless. He has a son EDVINS, born August 11, 1943 at Liepaja, Latvia. His last place of foreign residence was Gern, Germany, and he entered the United States at the port of New York on June 28, 1951 from Bremerhaven, Germany. It will be noted that according to Immigration and Naturalization Service records, SIMANIS was born at Liepaja, Latvia.

Declaration of Intention # 14032, dated January 10, 1952 in the name of ALEXANDRA-MARTA SIMANIS revealed that she was born February 25,

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1913 at Jelgava, Latvia, and described her as white race, fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, 5'6" tall, 113 lbs., and stateless. Her last place of foreign residence was listed as Gron, Germany. Other information on this document was similar to that of her husband's as set out above. It will be noted that according to records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, Mrs. SIEMANIS was born on February 15, 1913.

MRS. ORTHA WULFING, with office at 522 Grand Avenue, Oakland, stated on August 14, 1952 that ANNA CUKURS and her husband JOHN CUKURS had recently arrived in Oakland, and at present were living at 640 Brooklyn Avenue, Oakland, Apartment 6, which is the same address as that of ELIZABETH and ALEXANDER ANITA SIEMANIS. MRS. WULFING added that ANNA CUKURS was the sister of Mrs. SIEMANIS, and she understood that the CUKURS family had come to Oakland from Chicago, where they had formerly worked for about six months in the home of an individual by the name of MALONEY (ph.), who was on the executive staff of the "Chicago Tribune," and who had sponsored their immigration to the United States.

At present according to Mrs. WULFING, ANNA CUKURS works in one of the MacFarland Candy Co. chain stores, and JOHN CUKURS works in a cannery, both in Oakland. Mrs. WULFING said that she believed that JOHN CUKURS was formerly an army officer in World War I, but she did not know in what army.

(Reverend) EDWARD J. MATTSO, Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern California, was interviewed in his office at 1159 Valencia St., San Francisco, on September 18, 1952. He stated that ANNA CUKURS had recently been hired to work as a saleslady by the Salvage Shop run by his organization at the same address. He stated that he had hired Mrs. CUKURS on the recommendation of EUGENE WALDMAN, manager of the shop, and had met Mrs. CUKURS, her husband JOHN or JANIS, and Mr. and Mrs. SIEMANIS only casually. He noted that Mrs. CUKURS speaks English fairly well.

EUGENE WALDMAN, Manager of the Lutheran Welfare Council Salvage Shop, 1159 Valencia St., San Francisco, stated that he was a former Latvian D.P. who had entered this country in 1950. He stated that he had recommended that ANNA CUKURS be hired at the Salvage Shop because she had been recommended to him by the Reverend ARNOLD ERICSTON, the local Latvian Lutheran Pastor. Mr. WALDMAN did not know of any individuals with whom either the CUKURS or SIEMANIS families were acquainted or who could give information concerning them. He searched the files of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern Calif., and found no record of the subjects. Mr. WALDMAN stated that there was no way to tell from his files who might have known subjects when they resided at the D.P. Camp in the vicinity of Luebeck, Germany.

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According to WALDMAN, JOHN CUKURS, husband, of ANNA CUKURS, now works as a janitor at the Baptist Church at 1212 Geary Street, San Francisco, at which address he resides with his wife in quarters provided by the Church.

Photographs of ALEKSANDRA-MARTA SIEMIS, ANNA ZUKURS, and ANNA CUKURS, as provided by the San Francisco office of Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Bureau Offices at Kansas City and Chicago respectively, were exhibited to Reverend MATTSO and J. ALYAN. Both immediately identified the photograph of MRS. SIEMIS, but failed to recognize the other two. When asked if either of these photographs could possibly be that of ANNA CUKURS, they replied in the negative.

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco, were checked on September 22, 1952, and there was no record of ANNA or JOHN CUKURS in these files.

Records of San Francisco T-1, another Government agency which conducts personnel and security investigations contained no reference to ALEKSANDRA-MARTA SIEMIS, nee NEILAND.

San Francisco T-2 and T-3, both of known reliability, had no record of ALEKSANDRA-MARTA SIEMIS, nee NEILAND, or her family.